

**ACCUSED BY A LITTLE GIRL. POOR LITTLE RAGAMUFFINS.**

**Ex-Convict Harder Held on a Serious Charge.**

**He Is a Salvation Army Soldier and Says He Is Innocent.**

"I am a king's son and I cannot do wrong," said Charles Harder, twenty-four years old, a clerical training prisoner, who was arraigned in the Yorkville Police Court to-day to answer the charge of assaulting Mary, a fourteen-year-old girl, of 171 West Sixty-fourth street, Harder, a member of the Salvation Army. He had already served two terms in Sing Sing for larceny and forgery.

Harder went to the Prison Reform Institution, where he remained until three weeks ago, when he secured a position as clerk in the tea store of John Owen at 142 Amsterdam avenue. He slept in the rear of the store.

According to Mary's story, she was looking into the store window at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, when Harder came out of the hallway and dragged her into the rear of the store. Mary said she was scared and struggled, but ran away to her apartment. She went home crying and told her mother her story.

Mrs. Platt at once took her to the West Sixty-fourth street police station. Detectives Warner and Walters found Harder at work in the store at 7 o'clock this morning and took him under arrest. He denied all charges.

He said that at the hour the girl says she was assaulted he was at the Salvation Army barracks in Amsterdam Avenue, which he had visited for the purpose of proving this, and Justice Vorhis set the hearing down for to-morrow morning.

**DR. WHITEHEAD HELD.**

**He Is Charged with Performing an Illegal Operation.**

Dr. Newton Whitehead, of 218 East Forty-eighth street, was held in \$1,500 bail by Justice Koch, in the Essex Market Police Court, today. He was arrested on complaint of Joseph A. Britton and Col. B. J. Jayne, of the New York Society for the Enforcement of the Criminal Law.

Ages Berthold, twenty years old, of 507 Second street, was charged with having been wrung by a young man named Richard Kurch, while she was living at Mrs. Meabus's boarding-house, at 369 First avenue, when she first arrived in New York. Detective Britton states that the Berthold woman told him that she was taken to Dr. Whitehead's office by Mrs. Meabus and her husband, accompanied them, and visits to Dr. Whitehead were on Dec. 4, 5 and 11, 1893.

After her last visit the young woman became ill, and when she was seen again, Dr. Beck found that she was suffering from the effects of an illegal operation, performed by Dr. Whitehead.

Dr. Whitehead denies the charge. He is one of the physicians who were arrested in the recent raid made by the Society for the Enforcement of the Criminal Law.

**JAILED FOR CONTEMPT.**

**Martin Failed to Pay His Wife Alimony.**

Philip Martin is in the Ludlow Street Jail for contempt of court in refusing to pay his wife alimony and counsel fee pending a suit for absolute divorce.

On Jan. 22 Justice Dugay of the Superior Court sentenced Martin to six months' imprisonment, but he only paid her two or three weeks. Since then he has kept out of the way. The amount now due his wife is \$90.

**HOW WAS SMITH HURT?**

**Found Unconscious and Said to Have Fallen from a Cab.**

Policeman Bowes, of the East Sixty-seventh street station, shortly before midnight last night, was attracted by a crowd in front of 219 East Seventeenth street. A cab stood at the curb and he found a well-dressed man lying unconscious on the sidewalk. He was bleeding from his ears and suffering from a supposed fracture of the skull. He was found to have fallen from the fifth floor.

The man in the cab described himself as Frank W. Bowdin, of 985 Tenth avenue, Brooklyn. Bowdin said that Smith was his friend and that they had come together from Brooklyn in the cab to see a brother of Smith's, who lives at the Seventeenth street station. When asked if he must have fallen, Bowdin said that Smith removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, where he has not yet regained consciousness.

Bowdin was taken into custody on a charge of physician, and Justice Vorhis ordered him to stand trial. He will be held in \$100 bail for trial in the State Court this morning, charged with stealing \$20 worth of articles from the Wavers Clubhouse at 101 Hundred and Fifty-third street and North River.

The dead body of Lazarus Anderson was found in the East River early this morning at 22 to 24 James street, between Second and Third avenues. The man was about thirty-five years of age and evidently a longshoreman.

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**Round About Town.**

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**George Cook, a twenty-four-year-old New Haven, Conn., who charged \$150 a week when he came from home to work for the New Haven Police Court this morning, charged with stealing \$20 worth of articles from the Wavers Clubhouse at 101 Hundred and Fifty-third street and North River.**

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At 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the basement of the Hotel Bremen, 218 West Berke, the Lexington avenue. It was caused by a curtain catching fire from a gas jet. The flames were extinguished by members of the household, and no alarm was given. The damage will probably not exceed \$25.

**Wire News in Brief.**

The Omaha police are looking for George Fisher, a twenty-four-year-old Negro, who left town after a fight with his father, and has not been heard of since.

Fire destroyed the wholesale book and stationery warehouse of C. H. Morris, 101 West Broadway, yesterday. The loss is \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.

The Criple Creek miners held a stormy meeting at the American Legion hall yesterday evening, to protest the mine owners' proposal of \$2.50 a day for each hour.

**Coming Events.**

Regular meeting of Government Club, B to 218 Madison Avenue, this evening at the club-house, 19 West One Hundred and Fourth street.

Organ with C. Macfarlane's rental-to-own afternoons at All Souls Church, Madison avenue and Sixty-sixth street.

The Columbia Club of South Brooklyn will give a benefit ball, Saturday evening, April 14, Prospect avenue, near Fifth avenue.

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